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WHEN there was considerable agitation in favor of drilling for oil in the restricted district of Torrance, the board of trustees passed an ordinance prohibiting such development. In doing this the trustees averted what at the time looked like destruction of Torrance as a city of homes. Hardly had this ordinance passed than a substantial building program started in the city, providing many homes for persons who awaited only construction of dwellings before becoming residents here. When it was apparent that the board of education was making tentative plans to lease the school property here for oil purposes, it was the members of the board of trustees who met with the school authorities and convinced them that the use of the school property as a drill site would be a serious setback to the city itself. The board of education decided not to lease the property. Under the board now retiring the zoning law was passed. It was put in force to preserve the beauty of the city, to prevent construction of shacks, to maintain the original and excellent plan of the layout of Torrance. From time to time the board has interpreted this ordinance and changed it to encourage building without destroying the beauty of the city. When the rush of oil activity started last August, trucks of oil companies played havoc with Torrance streets in the oil field. The board of trustees called a meeting of oil company representatives. They informed the companies of the destruction of the streets and proposed

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a tax of \$250 on each derrick inside the city, the money to be used on the roads in the oil field. The companies agreed to the proposal, although the tax means several thousands of dollars to a few of them. Had the board voted to tax each derrick without first consulting the companies, there would have been several law suits. The judgment exercised by the board not only had its own reward, but was decidedly advantageous to the whole city. As a result of the derrick tax, six miles of streets have been repaired and will be maintained and the city owns a roller which will be used for some time to come. The board also voted a tax of \$1 a rod for pipe line inside the city. After a pipe line has been down five years the city will receive 2 per cent of the oil which passes through the pipes. That may mean much to Torrance five years hence.

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DURING the administration of the present board the police department has been greatly augmented. The firemen have been put on the payroll and the equipment modernized. Scores of fire plugs have been installed to provide more adequate protection to various districts. The parks have been improved and the work on the J. S. Torrance park is still under way. On numerous occasions members of the board have made visits to other cities, studying municipal methods and attempting to apply the best and most economical practices to the business of running the city of Torrance. Despite greatly increased municipal business the number of employees of the city, with the exception of the police department, has not been materially increased. Pay of all employees had, however, to be raised to keep salaries in proportion to the increasing amount of work demanded from city officials. Taking a broad glance in retrospect at the accomplishments of the board which now leaves office, without even taking cognizance of the great volume of routine, any citizen must realize that these trustees have done much lasting work, have served their city well. Perhaps they made a few mistakes. Any board ever elected will err occasionally. But it is by their accomplishment that we must judge them. And their accomplishments have been many and decidedly worth while.



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